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Regarding docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197

I feel it is important to reduce the incidence of Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) at its source by banning forced molting of hens. Forced molting makes the chickens prone to S.E., which can then be passed on to humans through the contaminated eggs. Placing bacteria warning labels on the product does not solve the problem. The responsibility to eliminate S.E. should lie with the egg producers and not with the consumers.

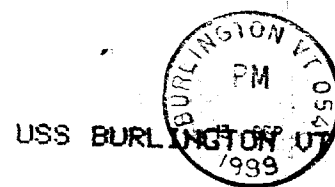
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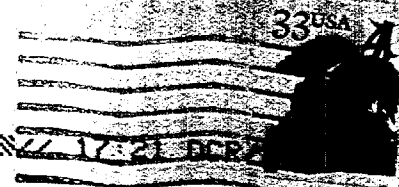
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